Foodgrains production target

†4573. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated a target for production of foodgrains to the tune of 212 million tonnes during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, to what extent this target is likely to exceed, as compared to the year 2000-2001;

(c) whether the estimates of the Ministry regarding the targets for next year are different from that of the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Planning Commission has suggested a target of foodgrains production to a tune of 218.00 million tonnes during 2001-2002 which is 6 million tonnes higher than that of 2000-2001. The crop-wise break up of these targets is as follows:

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2000-2001	2001-2002
Rice	90.00	92.00
Wheat	74.00	78.00
Coarse-cereals	33.00	33.00
Pulses	15.00	15.00
Foodgrains	212.00	218.00

(d) Question does not arise as the targets are set by Planning Commission.

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